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Subject: RE: meet to view maps re: Travel Management
Date: Monday, October 21, 2019 12:31:56 AM
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Hello Jeanie, et al,

I appreciate your response. However, I would like to clarify my request, as well as ask some additional questions.

1. In 2009 I commented on the original Draft Travel Management EIS, and specifically asked that the Forest comply with the National Roadless Area Conservation Rule and to not proposed dispersed motorized camping corridors adjacent to any of the Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRAs). Such a decision would basically permit user-created routes naturally associated with the 300 foot dispersed camping corridors to penetrate the IRAs. The final Roadless Area Conservation Rule published in 2001 clearly prohibits road construction and reconstruction on all IRAs including those on the ASNF. I fully expected that the analysis would evaluate and display such illegal impacts in all alternatives.
2. In your email (dated October 11th) you indicated that the analysis of impacts of dispersed camping corridors as related to the Inventoried Roadless Areas on the ASNF were contained in the "Effects to Recreation, Designated Areas, and Wild and Scenic Rivers" beginning on page 39. I have read and re-read this section multiple times and there is no mention of the effects of motorized camping corridors on the IRAs. Page 64 does provide a chart that depicts the amount of motorized routes in IRAs but there is no mention as to whether they are new, recent or unclassified (unauthorized) routes as opposed to historic classified routes. Also the 3 Alternative maps do not even display the ASNF IRAs making it impossible to accurately identify if, where and how the proposed motorized camping corridors or existing motorized routes impact the IRAs.
3. Under the heading of Effects from Alternative 2 and 3 (pages 92, 93 and 96) the effects of "dispersed motorized camping corridors" are discussed, but there is no mention of as to if, where or how they may impact the IRAs. Once again the three Alternative Maps are not useful regarding my concerns as they do not display IRA boundaries.
4. Although there are sections that discuss the "designation of new roads" and previously "unauthorized routes" there is no discussion as to if, where and how those particular routes affect the IRAs. Again, if the Alternative Maps depicted the IRAs it would be very helpful in identifying and evaluating those impacts to IRAs.
5. I appreciate that you provided me to a link that does in fact depict the polygon shapes of the existing IRAs on the ASNF. However that map did not display any roads (existing, proposed, unauthorized, dispersed motorized camping corridors, etc) making it equally

ineffective useless regarding my interests and concerns. I actually generally know where all of the IRA boundaries are, but I need to have them accurately displayed along with the proposed roads and dispersed motorized camping corridors. I must add that it is quite disturbing that the map you referred me to indicated (per the map legend) that nearly all of the IRAs on the ASNF permit for the construction and reconstruction of roads within them. This, of course, is highly incorrect as is stated on page 57 of the Revised DEIS. This map was updated in 2006 – long after the 2001 publishing of the Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule. I suspect this is very confusing and misleading to your many resource managers who require accurate information regarding the management requirements affecting the vast IRAs on the ASNF. So please update the legend and color coding on this particular GIS layer in order to update your resource files and to ensure that the ASNF complies with the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

In 2009 I provided comments to the initial DEIS indicating that the ASNF was out of compliance with the Roadless Area Conservation Rule by proposing dispersed motorized camping corridors adjacent to IRAs. On page 123 of the RDEIS Volume 2 my specific comments are address in narrative form, and I remain disturbed that there are 300' motorized camping corridors proposed adjacent to IRAs. Additionally, since the IRAs are not portrayed on the Alternative maps I am unable to determine if other roads and other dispersed motorized camping corridors are impacting the many other IRAs across the ASNF. So again please have you GIS shop produce at map that will accurately depict the IRA boundaries along with the proposed roads and proposed motorized camping corridors.

On September 5th, shortly after the RDEIS was published, I responded the ASNF webpage for the Travel Management Plan and requested a hard copy of the document. On September 6th I received an auto-response indicating a hard copy would be sent and thanking me for my interest. Over a week passed, so I called the ASNF Supervisor's office and was referred to a Mr. Tim Gilloon who was not in the office. The Receptionist (I believed named Andrea) said she would write him a message with my request since his voice mail hadn't been set up. Another week passed so I called Mr. Gilloon. He was apologetic, and he promised he would mail the document. He also indicated that he wasn't certain if there was staff available to create the maps that included the IRAs. Nine days later I received the RDEIS, but it did not include any maps at all. I called the Supervisor's office again and this time I was referred to Mr. Steve Johnson, and he indicated that he would look into creating the maps I requested. On October 11th I received an email from Jeanie O'Conner (of Bozeman, MT) which provided the link to the afore mentioned faulty ASNF map with IRA boundaries. She indicated that the Forest would not produce any additional maps, but further down in the email encouraged me to ask for additional maps or informational via the planning website, and also suggested that I visit the ASNF Supervisor's office to view additional maps. This is all a bit confusing.

At this point I am obviously a bit frustrated, and of course time is short with the October deadline for comments looming. I understand that this week the ASNF is hosting additional public open houses that will apparently disclose additional information. Hopefully the new information includes the alternative maps with the IRA boundaries which I have persistently requested. I will attend the meeting in Alpine. I will need the information that I am requesting by Wednesday, October 23rd, in order to prepare and submit timely comments that I believe you will find relevant and useful. If that

is not possible I recommend that the ASNF extend the comment period for an additional month.

In closing, please don't surmise that that I have a strong negative opinion of the RDEIS. I am very satisfied with much of the analysis and I look forward to having the ASNF implement its initial Forest Travel Management Plan. The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is obviously a long-time and primary concern for me and the organizations I represent. I look forward to seeing you at the open house meeting this week.

Also please be sure to include this email with the official public comments for the this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Hello,

The draft environmental impact statement does analyze and disclose the effects of the travel management alternatives on the IRAs. The analysis is contained in the "Effects to Recreation, Designated Areas, and Wild and Scenic Rivers" beginning on page 39. A map of the IRAs analyzed is available here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsmrs_072260.pdf. As part of this analysis, we did not create any maps that show the alternatives and IRAs together.

At this point in the planning process, we are not making additional maps since the project is out for public comment. You are welcome to review the GIS data provided and welcome to submit comments about additional maps or analysis that you would like to see. The GIS geodatabase for this project is available on the project website, under analysis here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=22692>. The IRA GIS data is available here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/roadmain/roadless/2001rule/map>.

If you would still like to go to the SO to view maps, please continue to coordinate with Steve. And if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. I would encourage you to send your questions to the shared inbox, so that you receive a timely response. Several of us are checking the inbox daily to ensure we response as quickly as possible. Thank you for your interest in the project. –Jennie

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I expect that it should be fairly easy for your GIS shop to overlay the IRAs on the three alternative maps. So hopefully we can set up a time on Friday to meet. I will be away from home this morning and will check my email later this afternoon. Thank you, Don

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Don,
I did some checking with our team and we need to look into this further, so I'll try to get you an answer tomorrow.



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Hello Steven,

You asked that I provide an email message regarding my request to meet at the SO office to view Travel management maps (alternatives) that accurately show the IRA boundaries. This will help me formulate my comments to the Revise EIS. I am available to meet tomorrow (Thursday 10/9) in the afternoon 2:30 pm or later, or on Friday morning between 10:00 am and noon. Otherwise I will need to schedule it for some other day next week. I will check my email this afternoon for your response.

Thank you, Don

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